

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, lines 10-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A method for manufacturing a crystalline layered compound characterized by comprising heating a raw material composition of crystalline layered compound in the presence of an organic structure directing agent, to synthesize a crystalline layered compound with the chemical composition represented by $[(\text{Si}_{18-x}\cdot\text{O}_{38})\cdot\text{M}_y\cdot(\text{TMA})_z\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_w]$ (wherein TMA is a tetraalkylammonium cation, M is a cation of an alkali metal such as Na, K or Li, x satisfies $0 \leq x \leq 1.2$, y satisfies $0.5 \leq y \leq 1.5$, z satisfies $6 \leq z \leq 8$ and w satisfies $0.02 \leq w \leq 1.5$).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, lines 10-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(10) The zeolite according to (9) above, wherein the lattice spacing d (Å) in the powder x-ray diffraction pattern is as described in ~~Tables~~ Table 8 ~~[[and]]~~ or 9 below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, lines 10-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(11) The zeolite according to (9) above, wherein the crystal structures can be described as orthorhombic with crystal lattice constants in the range of $a = 18.35 \pm 0.05$ Å, $b = 13.77 \pm 0.03$, $c = 7.37 \pm 0.03$ Å (space group Pnma), orthorhombic with lattice constants in the range of $a = 18.35 \pm 0.05$ Å, $b = 13.77 \pm 0.03$, $c = 7.37 \pm 0.03$ Å (space group Pnnm), orthorhombic with lattice constants in the range of $a = 18.35 \pm 0.05$ Å, $b = 13.77 \pm 0.03$, $c = 14.74 \pm 0.03$ Å (space group Pbcm) ~~[[and]]~~ or monoclinic with lattice constants in the range

of $a = 18.35 \pm 0.05 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.77 \pm 0.03$, $c = 7.37 \pm 0.03 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90 \pm 0.3^\circ$ (space group P21/m).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, lines 7-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(15) A method for manufacturing a zeolite characterized by performing dehydration polycondensation of the crystalline layered compound or crystalline layered compound containing skeletal substituted elements defined in (1) above, to synthesize a zeolite with the chemical composition represented by $[(\text{Si}_{36-x}\text{T}_y\text{O}_{72}) \cdot \text{M}_2]$ (wherein M is a cation of an alkali metal such as Li, Na, K or Rb, T represents Al, Ga, Fe and Ce as skeleton substituting elements, x satisfies $0 \leq x \leq 3.0$, y satisfied $0 \leq y \leq 1.0$ and z satisfies $0 \leq z \leq 3.0$).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, lines 7-10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(21) The method for manufacturing a zeolite according to (15) above, wherein dehydration polycondensation is performed with a flow of ~~as a combustion-supporting gas a~~ gas comprising oxygen molecules in a molecular state ~~is used~~.